(d) If the owner or operator of a training school desires to have a course approval renewed, they shall submit a written request to the address listed in paragraph (a) of this section. For the request to be approved, the Coast Guard must be satisfied that the content and quality of instruction remain satisfactory. Unless sooner surrendered, suspended or revoked, a renewal of the approval expires 60 months after the month it is issued, or on the date of any change in ownership of the school for which it is issued, whichever occurs first.

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§10.303 General standards.

Each school with an approved course must:

- (a) Have a well maintained facility that accommodates the students in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to learning.
- (b) Have visual aids for realism, including simulators where appropriate, which are modern and well maintained and sufficient for the number of students to be accommodated.
- (c) Give appropriate written or practical examinations in the course material to each student of such a degree of difficulty that a student who successfully completes them could reasonably assume that he or she would pass, on the first attempt, an examination prepared by the Coast Guard based upon knowledge requirements of the position or endorsement for which the student is being trained.
- (d) Keep for at least one year after the end of each student's enrollment:
- (1) Each written examination, or in the case of a practical test, a report of such test; and
- (2) A record of each student's class-room attendance.
- (e) Not change its approved curriculum unless approved, in writing, after the request for change has been submitted in writing through the appropriate Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection to the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, NMC-4B.

- (f) At any time the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection shall direct, allow the Coast Guard to:
- (1) Inspect its facilities, equipment, and records, including scholastic records:
- (2) Conduct interviews and surveys of students to aid in course evaluation and improvement;
- (3) Assign personnel to observe or participate in the course of instruction; and
- (4) Supervise or administer the required examinations or practical demonstrations.

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§10.304 Substitution of training for required service, and use of training-record books.

- (a) Satisfactory completion of certain training courses approved by the Commandant may be substituted for a portion of the required service for many deck and engineer licenses and for qualified ratings of unlicensed personnel. The list of all currently approved courses of instruction including the equivalent service and applicable licenses and ratings is maintained by Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, NMC-4B. Satisfactory completion of an approved training course may be substituted for not more than two-thirds of the required service on deck or in the engine department for deck or engineer licenses, respectively, and for qualified ratings.
- (b) Service time gained at an approved training course does not satisfy recent service requirements nor does training on a simulator; however, any underway service at an approved course may be used for this purpose. An applicant who had met the recent service requirement before entering school will not be penalized by attending the approved training course.
- (c) Training obtained prior to receiving a license may not be used for subsequent raises of grade.
- (d) Simulator training in combination with a Coast Guard approved training course may be submitted to the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, for evaluation and

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determination of equivalency to required sea service. Simulator training cannot be substituted for recency requirements, but may substitute for a maximum of 25 percent of the required service for any license transaction.

- (e) Except as provided in §10.202, when a candidate both applies for an STCW certificate or endorsement as an officer in charge of a navigational watch, on the basis of training or sea service commencing on or after August 1, 1998, and uses completion of approved training to substitute for required service, then not less than 1 year of the remaining service must be part of approved training that meets the appropriate requirements of Chapter II of STCW and the requirements of subpart C of this part. The training of a candidate must be documented in a Coast Guard-accepted training-record book.
- (f) Except as provided in §10.202, each candidate who applies for an STCW certificate or endorsement as an officer in charge of an engineering watch or as a designated duty engineer on the basis of training or sea service commencing on or after August 1, 1998, for service on seagoing vessels, shall complete onboard training as part of approved training that meets the appropriate requirements of Chapter III of STCW and the requirements of subpart C of this part. The training must be documented in a Coast Guard-accepted training-record book.
- (g) The training-record book referred to in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section must contain at least the following:
 - (1) The identity of the candidate.
- (2) The tasks to be performed or the skills to be demonstrated, with reference to the standards of competence set forth in the tables of the appropriate sections in part A of the STCW Code.
- (3) The criteria to be used in determining that the tasks or skills have been performed properly, again with reference to the standards of competence set forth in the tables of the appropriate sections in part A of the STCW Code.
- (4) A place for a qualified instructor to indicate by his or her initials that the candidate has received training in

the proper performance of the task or skill.

- (5) A place for a designated examiner to indicate by his or her initials that the candidate has successfully completed a practical demonstration and has proved competent in the task or skill under the criteria, when assessment of competence is to be documented in the record books.
- (6) The identity of each qualified instructor, including any Coast Guard license or document held, and the instructor's signature.
- (7) The identity of each designated examiner, when any assessment of competence is recorded, including any Coast Guard license or document held, and the examiner's signature confirming that his or her initials certify that he or she has witnessed the practical demonstration of a particular task or skill by the candidate.
- (h) The training-record book referred to in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section may be maintained electronically, if the electronic record meets Coast Guard-accepted standards for accuracy, integrity, and availability.

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§10.305 Radar-Observer certificates and qualifying courses.

- (a) A student who takes an approved course of training, which includes passing both a radar-theory examination and a practical demonstration on a simulator, and who meets the requirements of this section is entitled to an appropriate Radar-Observer certificate—
- (1) In a form prescribed by the school and acceptable to the Coast Guard; and
- (2) Signed by the head of the school. (b) The following Radar-Observer certificates are issued under this section:
- (1) Radar Observer (Unlimited).
- (2) Radar Observer (Inland Waters and Gulf-Intracoastal Waterway [GIWW]).
 - (3) Radar Observer (Rivers).
- (4) Radar Observer (Unlimited: Renewal).
- (5) Radar Observer (Inland Waters and GIWW: Renewal).